

# Time of Jubile:

OR

The Time of the RESTITUTION  
of ALL THINGS.

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## DISCOURSE

Occasioned by the so much talk'd of  
Mock-Jubile, celebrated at Rome  
This Year 1700.

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*Translated from the French.*

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Pſalm 89. ver. 15.

*Blessed are the People that know the Joyful Sound of  
Jubile, they shall walk in the Light of thy Face, O  
Lord!*

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# *The Year of JUBILEE:*

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## *The Time of the RESTITUTION of All Things, &c.*

**E**VERY One at present is talking of the *Jubile*, and at the rate that they are Spirit-  
ed; some discourse of it from their Super-  
stitious Apprehension of it; others from their  
Learning; others from the Letter of Scripture, and  
lastly, there are some that speak of it  
from the Spirit, pointing to the \*  
Mystery of it. In a word, every one  
expresseth himself according to what  
he understands of it. But in general,  
all seem to agree that this will be a  
Year of Observation, that it will  
bring forth great things, which is my  
belief also: for the Signs the Lord  
gives us, are manifest, that not only the  
Learned and clear Sighted, but even  
the Simple and Ignorant cannot but take notice of  
them, and understand we are entering upon the Last  
Days, and that this very Year 1700. will bring  
forth things, whereof we shall be forc'd to say, as  
the *Ægyptian* Magicians of old, *This is*  
*the finger of God.* The Air eccho's every

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ture is the Hi-  
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der the Letter  
to Unbeli-vers,  
but open and  
Unveiled to Be-  
lievers.

Exod. 8. 19.

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where throughout *Christendom* the great Work God is about to do: wherefore it is our Duty more than ever, to listen to the Voice of the Spirit, which

Ephes. 5. 14. cries aloud; *Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the Dead, and Christ shall give thee Light.* It is now that the Lord causeth his Voice to be heard more strongly than heretofore;

Exod. 19. 19. the sound of the Spirit grows louder and louder, to excite and prepare his People, in this last time to hearken to his Voice, and to keep his Commandments as heretofore happened, when the Law was given to *Moses*, who was a Type of Jesus Christ; for he was the Shadow, and Christ the Substance, as the Law also, which he received was a Shadow of the good things of the

James 1. 25. Gospel, *which is the Law of Liberty, and not the Law of Condemnation and Death.* Let us awake therefore from the sleep of Sin, which is worse than Natural Death, as being the cause of it; for the Lord comes not from Mount *Sinai* to pro-

Rom. 8. 3. nounce Curses against the Transgression of that Law, which was weak by reason of the Flesh; but from Mount *Sion*, thence to sound forth the Trumpet of his Love, Proclaiming the Year of *Grace* and *Liberty* the true *Jubile*, wherein he will make us to return to our first Possession and Inheritance, which we had lost by the Sin of our first Parents, viz. the Image of God, in the which we were Created at first; and by the Gospel Predestinated to be made Conformable to the Image of the Son of God: Which Conformity or Likeness will reinstate us into the true Possession of the Inheritance we lost in the first *Adam*.

This is the true *Jubile*, for the which we must all of us Sigh and Pray, that we may see and enjoy the same this Year, and all the rest of our Lives.

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even that this perfect Image of the Life of God may be finished in us, to which we must arrive by degrees; according to that of St. Paul, *Till we all come in the Unity of the Faith, and of the Knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect Man, unto the measure of the Age of the fulness of Christ.* We must arrive to the perfect Stature of Christ, if we would enjoy the True Jubile, that is to say the Re-stitution, whereof the Jubile under the Law was a lively Representation, setting forth what was to happen to Repenting Sinners under the Gospel; *For it was on the day of Attonement or Propitiation, that the Trumpet of Jubile was commanded to be sounded throughout the Land.*

Eph. 4. 13.

Levi. 25. 9.

Penitent Sinners have reason to Sigh and Long continually, to be more and more deliver'd from the Cruel Bondage of Sin, and to be reinstated and restored into the Glorious Liberty of the Sons of God: Neither have Repenting Sinners only reason to long for this time of Deliverance, but even the greatest Sinners, who hitherto have entertained no thoughts of returning to their Father's House, as did the Prodigal Son: For the Jubile under the Law, was Proclaimed to all the Inhabitants of the Land, that is to all the Jews who had sold their Possessions, giving them right to return to their former Inheritance. The Law hath its Mysteries: how much more then the Gospel? even Mysteries of incomprehensible Love and Charity; there is no part of this Ocean that is fordable, it is a bottomless Deep, it swallows us up, we lose our selves in it; and in its Glorious and Incomprehensible Abyss, we cry out with the Apostles, *O the Breadth, Length, Depth and Height of that Love, which hath neither Beginning nor end.*

Rom. 8. 20.

Eph. 3. 18.

The Case is not the same with the Waters of  
 of Sanctification, for into them we enter by little and little: The Waters  
 which purifie the Soul, rise by degrees; they reach first to the Anles, and from  
 thence get up to the Knees; and then encrease till they come up to the Reins of the Sanctified Soul, which import the Strength of Grace. 'Tis by these Degrees we advance in the Regeneration, till at last we find these Waters encreased to a great Stream, which are fordable, representing that abundant Effusion of the Spirit, wherewith we shall  
 Eph. 3. 19. be filled in all fulness of God in these last times. It is our Duty then to advance in Sanctification every Day more and more, till we arrive to this fulness of the Spirit, which is promised in so many Places of Scripture, to these last Times; to which Effusion whosoever shall arrive, may well say that they are come to the Year of the Great *Jubile* of the People of God: For then will the Lord make all things New within and without us, our Earth, as well as our Heaven, our Bodies as well as our Spirits; and by this means shall go out from our Bondage, and return to that good Land where Sin is not known, and from whence upon the Commission of Sin, our first Parents and their Posterity with them have been Banished.

But Blessed be the Lord, who hath found out means to recover us from this terrible Fall in our first Parents, by his Promise to them and us; *That the Seed of the Woman should bruise the Serpents Head.* Which Seed of the Woman, the *Messiah*, he sent into the World in the fulness of Time, who hath  
 1 Pet. 2. 24. payed our Debt, by bearing our Sins in his own Body on the Tree, and thereby

by hath purchased for us the Liberty to re-enter  
 to the Possession of his Image, in the which we  
 were created, by that New and Living Heb. 10. 10.  
 Way, which he hath consecrated for  
 us through the veil of his Flesh. 'Tis this our Divine  
 Saviour who by the Price of his Blood hath resto-  
 red us to the possession of his Glory which we had  
 lost, and indeed greater than that which our first Pa-  
 rents lost by Transgression: for as the second *Adam*  
 far exceeds the first, so doth the glory 1 Cor. 15. 47.  
 also which he hath purchased for us, &c.  
 who are his Coheirs by Faith. 'Tis he our great  
 God and Saviour comes to make us sensible, that  
 the time draws near of the Deliverance of his Peo-  
 ple, who are yet scatter'd up and down the World,  
 and kept Prisoners in *Babel*; therefore the Lord is  
 making a way for his Redeemed to pass  
 through, and they whose Ransom the Isa. 51. 10.  
 Lord hath paid shall return, and come to *Sion* with  
 Songs of *Triumph*, and everlasting Joy  
 shall be upon their Head; they shall Isa. 35. 10.  
 obtain Joy and Gladness, and Sorrow and Mourn-  
 ing shall fly away. This shall be the true *Jubile*, when  
 we shall be deliver'd from Mystical *Babylon*, and en-  
 ter into *Sion* with Songs of *Triumph*.

O Happy Year on which we are entred, if it  
 reach to this Deliverance, which we Pray and Hope  
 for, as the 50th Year under the Law was the  
 Year of *Jubile*: But if in this Year we do not see  
 it in Perfection, at least we shall see the Beginnings  
 of it; which in the following Years shall be carri-  
 ed on to a full accomplishment, which they shall  
 see who *Simeon*-like have been waiting for the Con-  
 solation of *Israel*: These shall without doubt see,  
 and enjoy the *Jubile*, which is already begun in the

Souls of many *Believers*, who are so pierced with the Joy of it, that they can no longer  
Luke 24. 32. contain the *Divine Flame* that burns in them, but are forced to burst out, and declare openly, that a *Jubile* for the Captives  
Isaiah 35. 1. 2. is approaching, and that they shall see the Glory of the Lord, and the Excellency of our God; *When the milderness and dry Place shall be glad, and the desert shall rejoyce, and blossom as a rose.* O how Glorious shall that State be! Blessed are they that in *Faith* wait for it; and being retired into themselves, withdraw from the Conversation of the World, and all things else but what are purely necessary, that they may give all their Time and their whole Heart to their *Divine Jesus*; who himself by his Spirit in his Elect Children, as so many Heralds, Proclaims and Publisheth, That he is coming to Reign, and to return Consolation to *Jerusalem*.  
HALLELUJAH!

Forasmuch as every one speaks of the *Jubile* according to their different Thoughts and Apprehensions: I also will take the liberty to speak my Mind plainly according to God, that is, from that little Spark the Lord hath vouchsafed to me; not to inform my Superiours, but to encourage and assist my Equals, who have a longing Desire to hear the Joyful Sound of *Jubile* in their Hearts.

No Body knows how long he hath to live, and whether he shall be of the Number of those, who shall remain on the Earth, when the Glorious time we expect shall appear: Wherefore it is our great Concern to find in our selves the beginning of that *Jubile*, whereof we have spoken; and the Advances and Progress of it, in observing whether Grace hath begun to effect a Change in our Hearts, in delivering



delivering us from the Miserable Bondage of ~~Sin~~ which hath too long time Reign'd in us; though it were but during our youthful Years: But alas! How rare is it to find young Converts? How many be there that are come to full Age of Manhood, who yet are altogether Ignorant of the Mystery, and do not know what it means to be Born of the Spirit; who hath not yet touched them, to make them Cry out with *Ephraim*, *What have I done?* Or with the poor *Publican*, who Smote his Breast, saying, *The Lord be Merciful to me a Sinner*. He who is not yet come to this, which is but the beginning; may well say, That he is still in Captivity, and very far from feeling the Effects of the *Jubile*, delivering him from the Slavery of Sin. Therefore we must examine our selves whereabouts we are; that we may no longer continue in this sad and lamentable State, and especially at this present time, wherein God seems to call from Heaven, with a Voice that sounds to the Four Corners of the Earth: Sinners awake, for I am come to Proclaim Peace and War; Peace to those who Sigh and Long for Liberty: And War to those who have made an agreement with Death, and a Covenant with the Grave; who stop their Ears against the Divine Wisdom, who lifts up her Voice abroad, and makes her self to be heard in the Streets; *Prov. 1. 20.* She crieth at the Gates in the Places of great Concourse, that all may be without excuse: *How long ye simple Ones, will ye love Simplicity? and Fools despise knowledge? Turn ye at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my Spirit unto you, I will make known my Words to you.*

But let us leave those who refuse to hear the Voice of the Divine Wisdom, and speak to those who have

have the Ear of their Heart open to hear the Voice which saith to them, *This is the Way, walk in it.* It is to you Believers, who are poor in Spirit, to whom the Year of *Jubile* is promised; 'tis to you that Mourn; 'tis to you that Labour and are heavy laden, that this promise is made; 'tis to you that have a longing Desire to return to your Father's House, whence Sin hath Banish'd us; 'tis to you, who are *Pilgrims* and *Strangers* in the World; 'tis to you, who live in the Life of *Faith*, which is the Victory of the World: 'Tis to you, I say, ye Faithful Ones, whose Spirit is lifted up to Heaven, whence you look for the Manifestation of the Lord Christ, to whom the Year of Grace and Redemption shall be Revealed and Manifested in such a manner, as never yet hath been.

You therefore who are Meek and Lowly of Heart, who without ceasing, do pray to see this Glorious Time; take Courage, for the Lord is at the Door: Believe the Report of those, who speak their Experienceto you, who in Truth can declare, concerning the Manifestation of the Lord in

1 John 1. 1, Spirit, what the Beloved Disciple St.

2. *Jahn* said in his Day, *That which we have heard, which we have seen with our Eyes, which we have looked upon, and our Hands have handled of the Word of Life; declare we unto you:* As having their inward Senses opened to distinguish, and perceive Spiritual Objects.

Was it without good Reason, think we that the Apostle addresseth the Saints in these Words: *But ye are come unto Mount Sion, and unto the City of the Living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem, and to an Innumerable Company of Angels?* No, certainly; for the Saints who are advanced to the Spiritual Life, where-  
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of this great Apostle speaks in his Epistle, are really and actually in possession of this Priviledge; even such, who renouncing and forsaking the World, do live in it like Strangers; Heb. 11. 38. and of whom the World is not worthy: for their Conversation is in Heaven, Phil. 3. 10. whence also they look for a Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ.

Verily the time is come, wherein these Things will appear more than ever; for the Church-Militant shall have Communion with the Church-Triumphant in these latter Days. Wonder we not therefore, if those Holy Souls who are come up to the Great Assembly, and Church of the first Born, which are written in Heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the Spirits of Just Men made Perfect, do despise and disdain the deceitful Vanities of the World; those transitory Pleasures which afford no solid Content, when enjoy'd, and leave behind them remorse of Conscience and Repentance. O Poor deluded Mortals! the Saints pity you, to see you spend your time in getting of that, which takes Wing and flies away: They pray for you, that God would be pleased to open your Eyes, to behold the things that are invisible, that your Thoughts and Desires being taken off from Earthly things, might be taken up with those Col. 3. 2. that are above; and that you might return to the Lord with your whole Heart, who with the stretched out Arms of his Mercy, stands ready to receive you, and make you partakers Prov. 8. 21. of his Heavenly Pleasures, and of his durable and exhaustible Riches.

But as for you ye Faithful Ones, whose Treasure is in the fear of the

Psal. 1. and 119.  
Lord,

Lord, and whose Delight and Pleasure is to keep his

Law, rejoyce and be exceeding glad;  
 Heb. 10. 37.

*For yet but a little while, and he that must come, will come, and will not tarry.* Behold he comes, and Peace and Joy is with him; he comes to deliver the Captives, and to Proclaim the acceptable Year of the Lord, to make the Prisoners of hope to return to their Strong Hold, and reward them double for all their Grief and Sufferings.

Hasten therefore ye Believers to the coming of this great Day, by a continual denying of your selves, which is the best means to hasten your Deliverance; for as long as Sin hath any Power over us, (tho' it doth not altogether reign in us,) we cannot but Lament and Sigh to be wholly deliver'd from them, till never a *Cannanite* more be left in our Land, till all the remainders of Corrupt Nature be subdued; that the effects of a New Life may be seen in us, and may be an Epistle of Christ, which they that run

may read: that is to say, that in all  
 2 Cor. 3. 2, 3. things we may appear to be that which we profess, not an Epistle writ with Ink, but by the Spirit of the Living God. Thus shall we anticipate the great Day of *Jubile*, which shall deliver us from the remainders of the Old Man, and restore us to our Primitive happy State in a more abundant and abiding degree, so as not to be in danger of falling any more, being fixt upon the Rock Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with the Father, and Holy Ghost, belongs all Honour, Praise and Glory, henceforth and for ever; *Amen.*

See and behold, my dear fellow Servants and Prisoners of Hope, till the Redeemer come from *Zion*, what hath risen in my Mind concerning the Jubile, which the Children of God look for in this Life:



O Lord, how great is that Good which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee before the Sons of men: for it was never heard, nor perceived by the Ear, neither hath the Eye seen a God besides thee, that doth such things for them that wait for him. Behold, I say, my well-beloved, the Thoughts that are come up into my Heart, which if through the Blessing of God they shall touch any of you, I shall rejoyce and bless the Author of it. If with *Jonathan*, you touch this Honey-Comb with the Rod of Faith, perhaps it may have the same effect, to enlighten your Eyes. Taste therefore with me of this Honey which flows in the Field which the Lord hath blessed; and our Eyes will be enlightned to see more clearly, how great and glorious things the Lord is about to do, when an Universal Jubile shall cover the face of the whole Earth; but first that of the Church, who is making her self ready every day by Faith and Love, and who being delivered from Bondage, will be ready to lend a helping Hand to those that are yet in *Babylon*, the remainder of the People of God the *Jews*, and afterwards the Fulness of the *Gentiles*, who must also come in, according to the Promise made to *Abraham*, That in his Seed all the Nations of the Earth should be blessed. Will not this be a most Glorious Time, when all Nations shall be converted unto the Lord, and when there shall be but one Sheep-fold and one Shepherd?

Come Lord Jesus, come to finish this great Work, which thou hast begun in our Days, That the Kingdoms of this World may become the Kingdoms of the Lord, and of his Christ,

Psal. 31. 20.

Isa. 64. 4.

1 Sam. 14. 27.

Rev. 11. 15, 16, 17.

Christ, who shall Reign for ever and ever. O hasten the Day, when all the Saints, with the twenty four Elders, which sit before God, shall fall upon their Faces, and worship God, saying, *We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come, because thou hast taken to thee thy great Power, and hast Reigned.* Hallelu-Jah.

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*Some Hearty Wishes for the Welfare and Prosperity of England, from one who burns with desire for its Happiness.*

**L**IVE, O England, but live to God, that thy God may live in thee. Live the Life of Faith and Love, that Peace may be within thy Walls, and plenteousness within thy Palaces! O that Atheism, Prophaneness, Filthiness and Debauchery, horrible Swearing, Cursing and Blaspheming may be no more heard or found in thee! O that all Malice, Hatred, Animosities, Dissention, Contentions, Evil Speaking and Slandering may be banisht out of thee for ever! That all Vanity, Luxury, Pride, Arrogance and Excess may henceforth wither and dye in thee: and all opposite Virtues and Graces blossom and flourish in thee!

O England, open thine Eyes to behold the Evil that surrounds and devours thee, the overspreading Multitude of thy Sins and Iniquities that withhold Blessings from thee! O seriously think of preventing the Ruin that threatens thee, and the Judgments that hang over thy Head, by a speedy and steady Reformation, which the King in conjunction with his Great Council the Parliament commands, and thine  
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own Welfare and Happiness indispensably require of thee, lest the things that belong to thy Peace be ever hid from thine Eyes.

But blessed be the Lord, we hope better things concerning thee, for the Lord hath left in thee a Remnant of those that fear his Name, that travel and wait for the more abundant effusion of his Spirit, and the fuller manifestation of his Glory, and do burn with Zeal for a thorough Reformation, and carry it on with all their might and utmost endeavours. These are a Blessing in the midst of thee, O *England*, and the Lord for his Name sake, which he hath given them and placed in them, hath kept off the Judgments that threatned, and preserved the Life of thy Sovereign his Anointed, from the Hands of wicked and Blood-thirsty Men, and prolonged thy Tranquillity unto this Day.

And now O *England*! hearken to the Voice of the Lord thy God, who comes to speak Peace to his People, & to proclaim the acceptable Time, the Year of Jubile to all that wait for it, and expect his glorious Appearance, not only in thee, but in the Neighbouring Kingdoms also of *Scotland* and *Ireland*; He comes I say to assure us, that the time draws near wherein he will make an end of Sin, and bring in Everlasting Righteousness. O that all the Inhabitants of the Three Kingdoms, in expectation of the glorious time, might live in Love and mutual Friendship, and Concord, promoting the good and welfare of each other, as being united under one Sovereign, whom God's good Providence hath set over us. May his Reign be long and prosperous, and may he be a happy Instrument to carry on and encourage the Reformation which is so happily begun in these Nations. O may the Divine Glory dwell in our Land,  
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may Mercy and Truth meet together, Righteousness and Peace kiss each other; may Truth be out of the Earth, and Righteousness look down from Heaven; yea, may the Lord give his Good will, and the Land may yield her Increase.

May these Blessings be the Portion of thee, *England*, and of thy two Sisters *Scotland* and *Ireland*, then shall that true Jubile be celebrated in thee: for where Peace, Truth and Righteousness do reign; there true Liberty is enjoy'd and establish'd to Perfection.

These are the Wishes of an Heart inflam'd with the desire of thy Happiness, O *England*, and of thy Lord's Anointed, thy King and Governour, that they and his Kingdoms may abound with all Blessings, both spiritual and Temporal; and that the top and ground of all their Blessings may be this, that the Lord be known amongst and in them; *Amen*. So be it.

**F I N I S.**